Scotty Swingler: The Table

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Scotty Swingler, associate pastor of students at <u>Sugar Land Baptist Church</u> in Sugar Land, tied together the image of the Thanksgiving and Christmas table with the biblical imagery of a table. And then he whet everyone's appetite with his passion for smoking Texas BBQ.

"I don't have to look very far for friends who will come to my back patio and sit at the table to enjoy that meal with me. You see, BBQ leads to good friendships, good conversations and good times at the table," Swingler said.

The table is significant in Scripture as a whole, and it's significant in Jesus' story, he explained. Why is the table still so important today, he asked. "The table stands for an ethic or a value system that we are to hold as Christians," he answered.

Swingler challenged his hearers to "put the values of the table at the forefront of your mind, because ... there is nothing more relevant, nothing

more radical, nothing more countercultural and nothing more hopeful than the table." He then explained lessons the table teaches.

This sermon was delivered Nov. 21, 2021, for the 9:45 morning worship service of Sugar Land Baptist Church in Sugar Land.

A sermon manuscript is <u>available here</u>.